

Did you Know 5.17.21

1. It's not too late to register for the **simulation conference to be held on Wednesday, May 19!** See the attached agenda for information about topics—it is FREE, takes only a few hours and will be in TWO DAYS! Register today! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/21sim>

2. Speaking of simulation....SimVS is a turnkey system that includes over 80 pre-programmed scenarios in the following disciplines: **Nursing, EMS, Respiratory Care and Allied Health.** The curriculum for each discipline includes detailed scenario and simulation guides to make implementation simple. SimVS is a tablet based clinical education platform that provides instructors the ability to immerse their students within a wide variety of patient conditions through realistic diagnostic monitor types. Adapted for both classroom and **online learning** SimVS displays all physiology and controls found on modern monitors. Learners can quickly see the effects of their actions on the display of the patient.

3. In case you haven't heard, there is new **grant funding available!** On Friday, March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act CARES Act was signed into law. It is a \$2 trillion package of assistance measures, including \$30.75 billion for an Education Stabilization Fund. The **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act)**, was signed into law on December 27, 2020, and provides an additional \$123 billion to the Education Stabilization Fund. For higher education, the fund is being distributed through HEERF II (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund).

- **\$21B - amended in March to \$39.6B* (for HEERF I, it was \$14B)**
- 91% of the funds (\$36B) in the form of direct grants to public & private non-profit schools and postsecondary vocational schools
- The fund covers things related to addressing *lost revenue, technology costs related to distance learning, faculty and staff training and you can also pay employee payroll and common bills with it: both the Anatomage Table and the Anatomage eBook may qualify*

We hope you can take advantage of these funds while they're available - please consult your institution for more information.

4. The Oklahoman is hosting a **CareerFair on May 19th** and students are welcome to come and apply. There are close to 45 GREAT companies coming and ready to hire. A few of the health careers they are looking for include Behavioral Health Rehabilitation, Care Coordinator, Direct Support Professional, Medical Assistants, Mental Health Techs, Mental Health Therapists, Nursing Students, Patient Services Reps, pharmacy Technicians, Registered Nurse (LPN and RN) 10am-2pm Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Centennial Building. Free entry for Job Seekers. For more information, contact jwagner@oklahoman.com or 405-475-3475.

5. **Red River** is to be commended for the recent simulation involving both their EMT and PN programs! Local EMS, Air Evac, fire/police departments and Emergency management all shared in the experience and found it was beneficial for all involved!!
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=5414538388620455&id=1309318305809171&sfn=n=mo

6. B.E. Publishing, along with FA Davis (I may start calling myself LD Morris!!) is announcing a new textbook **Medical Terminology, High School Edition** which introduces students to the language of medicine through a multiple learning styles approach. Illustrations, color-

formatted prefixes, suffixes and root words help decode word meanings. Along the way, students are introduced to the anatomy and physiology that the words represent and explore case studies demonstrating how terminology is used in the real world of medicine. From translating lab reports to exploring multiple career opportunities, this Medical Terminology textbook has just the right depth for your CTE students. Chapters include tips, tricks, and student activities, including fill-in-the-blanks, diagramming exercises, and research assignments. **Take a Look Inside Now! Medical Terminology: A Multiple Learning Styles Approach, High School Edition** will be available for Summer 2021. **Get a review sample now at eReadiness.com**, B.E. Publishing's all-inclusive eLearning platform. Request a review sample! : <https://www.bepublishing.com/ereadiness/healthscience/>

7. Not so fun facts about **students using technology**:

- More than 3,000 U.S. K-12 students attempt suicide on average every day
- Rates of student suicide ideation and suicide attempts have nearly doubled in the last 12 years
- 21% of students report being bullied each year
- More than 34% of all students report having been cyberbullied – bullied online via social media or other forms of electronic communication – at some time in their school careers
- 18% of all students – and 25% of girls – report self-harm (cutting, scratching, burning themselves) at least once

8. **Recipients of Pell Grants** are now eligible for discounts on internet access through a partnership of the Department of Education, the Federal Communications Commission and major internet providers. Participants of the Emergency Broadband Benefit program can get a one-time \$100 discount for a computer, laptop or tablet, and up to \$50 a monthly off monthly broadband service! See the full story on Inside [Higher Ed: Pell Grant Recipients Eligible for Discounted Broadband Program \(insidehighered.com\)](https://www.insidehighered.com/higher-ed/pell-grant-recipients-eligible-for-discounted-broadband-program)

9. I was recently asked about **scholarships that might be available for instructors**. Most instructors who are getting their degrees are eligible for the Lottery Grant Scholarship which is given twice a year and we do have the OHCETA sponsored Kathryn Jackson Memorial Scholarship for professional development and education for our members. [Health Careers Education Scholarships — CareerTech \(CT\) - okcareertech.org](https://www.okcareertech.org/health-careers-education-scholarships)

10. We had multiple people submit their names to the **Oklahoma Board of Nursing** for RN board positions. The board is also looking for LPN positions: (two appointments)

- Licensed in the State of Oklahoma in good standing.
- No less than five years of experience as a Licensed Practical Nurse.
- Citizen of the United States of America and a resident of Oklahoma for at least the previous three years.
- **Currently engaged in the practice of nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse.** (if you are an educator, this means you too!)

Must be from the statute designated geographical districts of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (see page 2 of attached document).

11. Before you check out of the school building, for the summer (high school teachers) please register for **Oklahoma Summit**: <https://conference.okacte.org/User/Login>

12. Are you a new teacher, or play one on TV? Don't forget to come hang out with the "funnest" bunch of state staffers ever at our **HCE New Teacher Workshop**, held July 6-7 for those who teach high school teachers, and July 8-9 for those teaching adults: Scroll to the bottom of the page: [New Health Careers Education Teachers — CareerTech \(CT\) - okcareertech.org](#)

13. A few of our schools offering the Nurse Refresher still have \$2000 scholarships that can make the course completely FREE!!! If you know someone who wants to get back into practice (after letting their license lapse, or if they didn't ever take boards) have them contact me (lara.morris@careertech.ok.gov) and I'll put them in touch with a school!

14. And last but not least, if you need to take the **Long Term Care Workshop**, the next one will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 9 from 8:30am-12:00pm. Jason Noreen will be joining us from OSDH. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/long-term-care-nurse-aide-instructorcoordinator-workshop-virtual-tickets-153497443987>

Today we welcome our newest program specialist, **Sandy Patocka** (pa-tos-ka) to our staff! Sandy comes to us from Autry Tech where she taught Medical Assisting for the last 14 years! We can't wait for you to meet Sandy—she's the mom of two girls, a huge HOSA supporter and all-around GREAT PERSON! Please help us in welcoming Sandy by sending her an email at sandra.patocka@careertech.ok.gov (You can see her beautiful smiling face as an attachment!)

Hope you have a fantastic week—have some fun with your students...I know you all deserve it and so do they! This will be a time in education we will never forget and hopefully, never have to repeat. But let's take all we've learned and make teaching even better in the future!